



## **Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo 2025**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

### **What are the plans for Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo 2025?**

Eight Days of Hope will be leading volunteers from the local church, the Western New York (WNY) community, and from across the country, as we plan to serve at least 100 families in the Niagara District with free home repairs.

### **How do I volunteer?**

You can sign-up to volunteer on our website ([eightdaysofhope.com](http://eightdaysofhope.com)) by clicking the “Events” button at the top of our homepage.

### **Does a volunteer have to attend all eight days?**

No, but we do ask that you volunteer for at least two full days at the event.

### **Can we bring our children? What about youth groups, can they attend?**

Yes, Eight Days of Hope Buffalo is family friendly! Every youth volunteer (under the age of 18) that comes with an adult that is not their parent must bring a notarized Parental Consent form signed by one of his/her parents. These forms can be found on our website on the Buffalo event page. We are asking for one adult chaperone per four youth, this is needed for the separate lodging arrangements as well. Please remember that there will be unique sleeping arrangements separated in different locations by gender.

### **What is the cost to attend?**

It is free! We provide food and lodging. Join us with a willing heart to serve. We rely on churches, businesses, individuals and our volunteers for donations. If you are interested in helping to sponsor this event, please email [edohbuffalo@eightdaysofhope.com](mailto:edohbuffalo@eightdaysofhope.com).

### **What are the sleeping arrangements?**

If you are from outside the WNY region and need lodging, we will provide sleeping accommodations. We will assign lodging when you arrive. Please be aware lodging is separated

by gender and the two separate lodging locations for men and women are 15 minutes away from one another. The lodging locations are also 15 minutes away from the headquarters. Transportation between locations is not provided. Volunteers will need to bring air mattresses, cots, and/or sleeping bags. We will provide a safe place for you to sleep with shower trailers on site. Lodging will be provided at local churches/schools.

### **Will there be any RV spots available?**

There will be limited RV spots on a first come, first serve basis. When our RV spots are full, we will update the sign-up form. If we fill our RV spots, here are two local options you could reserve on your own expense, if you'd like:

1. Shamrock Mobile Home | 1883 Electric Ave, Lackawanna, NY 14218
2. HTR Niagara | 2659 Whitehaven Rd, Grand Island, NY 14072 *\*this location would require you to go through a toll road*

### **If I want to book a hotel room at my own expense, are you recommending a particular hotel?**

Yes. Holiday Inn Express, 131 Buell Ave, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, has given us a discounted rate of \$139 a night. This discounted rate is good until July 1st. Please be sure to call the front desk and inform them you are with Eight Days of Hope or use this link

[https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=BUFAP&\\_PMID=99801505&GPC=EDH&cn=no&viewfullsite=true](https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=BUFAP&_PMID=99801505&GPC=EDH&cn=no&viewfullsite=true)

### **Do I have to bring my own food?**

No. Local volunteers who are not utilizing our lodging will be provided lunch and are welcome to stay for dinner. Volunteers who are lodging with us will be provided all meals. We do our best to provide a variety of options, but cannot fully accommodate for all dietary needs.

### **What kind of work will we be doing?**

There is something for everyone! The 100 families that we will be serving are in need of landscaping, painting, roofing, plumbing, electrical and carpentry work. All skill sets are needed!

### **Should we bring tools?**

Yes! Please bring any tools that you can, especially those that you would anticipate using for any of the above-mentioned tasks. We also will provide tools if needed.

### **Can we bring our pets?**

Sorry, but no pets are allowed.

### **What will be a typical day serving with Eight Days of Hope?**

Breakfast will start at 6:00 am for our out of town guests. At 7:00 am, all the volunteers are asked to be at the church headquarters for a short time of announcements, worship, and

devotion. At 7:30 am, everyone will leave to serve the families. Lunch will be delivered or taken to the sites by the volunteers. Dinner will begin at 5:00 pm and end at 7:00 pm. At 7:00 pm we offer an optional time of worship and devotion. The day ends at 7:30 pm. The only exception will be Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. We encourage the volunteers to visit a local church and we will start the day of volunteering at 12:30 pm.

### **What times can we arrive to “check in” to Eight Days of Hope and where do we go?**

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>, the check-in area will be open from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Every day after the 18<sup>th</sup> and through the 25<sup>th</sup>, the check-in area will be open from 6:30 am – 8:00 pm. Please check-in at Elim Christian Fellowship Church. This will be our headquarters for the eight-day outreach. The church’s address is: 70 Chalmers Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214. If you plan to use google maps, the churches address tends to lead you to an incorrect location so please input this address: **230 Holden St. Buffalo, NY 14214**- this is the Dollar General next door to Elim Christian Fellowship Church.

### **If I am a local volunteer, what time do you expect me on the day I am scheduled to volunteer?**

We request arriving by 7:00 am to check in and get your t-shirt. We will have a short orientation before we send you out to serve! If you are serving with a group of 10+ people, please reach out to [edohbuffalo@eightdaysofhope.com](mailto:edohbuffalo@eightdaysofhope.com) to coordinate an alternative, smoother registration and check-in process for your group.

To speed up your morning process as well, we encourage you to attend orientation Friday night the 18<sup>th</sup>. This allows you, then, to get to the homeowners home where you are serving more quickly.

### **How does a volunteer receive a ticket to Six Flags to attend Kingdom Bound?**

If you serve with Eight Days of Hope for 3 full days, you will receive a **one day pass** to attend Kingdom Bound at Six Flags – Darien Lake! We will stamp your name badge at the end of each day you serve. Once you have three stamps, show your name badge to the front office and you will be given a pass!

### **What should I bring?**

Eight Days of Hope will provide an event t-shirt for you to wear while you serve. In addition, please bring the following:

- Jeans
- Good working boots or close-toed shoes
- Gloves
- Bible
- Sunscreen

- Linens, pillow, blanket, sleeping bag, air mattress or cot (if you are lodging with us)
- Towel, Toiletries (if you are lodging with us)
- Case of water

**Does Eight Days of Hope have a promotional video for my church or place of business to share on social media?**

Yes! You can find the promotional video on our website and on our YouTube channel. Please search “EDOH – Buffalo 2025 Promotional Video”.

**What else can we do to prepare for Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo 2025?**

Please pray for the families that we will be serving, and that God would be glorified by our actions. Pray for safety, both while we work and for travel mercies for the volunteers. If you have any additional questions, please email [edohbuffalo@eightdaysofhope.com](mailto:edohbuffalo@eightdaysofhope.com) or call 716-491-7161.